Ottawa Rembered

1940s & 1950s

I grew up in the "Glebe" which is roughly bordered canal east, Bronson West., Landsdowne south & Queens way north. A purist can check the borders and find this is not the precise dimensions, but roughly close.

Through the Glebe ran the Bank or B letter street car. The streetcars, and the bus were the main means of transport for kids of my

generation. Most of our fathers were in WW II and overseas, or were too poor for cars — or both.

Only those kids who lived in the big houses on Clemow & Powell could afford cars. Same for TV. My first view of a TV in the 50's was in a rich friends house on Clemow who had an aerial outside that was specially constructed to pull in the only TV station broadcasting

Most of the TV shows were broad cast live, including the drama, soap operas and situation commedy. This put a whole new dimension into watching TV then - bloopers (an actor or actress forgot their lines) accident (the scenery fell down) and improvization (when one of the two above happened).

No wonder some of the best shows came from the stand up comics or

like Milton Bearle, Phil ~~Sid~~ Silvers — or newcomers from the communication industry, writers, columnists like Ed Sullivan.

Entertainment in those days was mostly radio shows at night — 6.30 The Cisco Kid 7PM Superman, 7.30 Beulah, Saturday or was it Sunday Lux Radio Theatre.

Imagination, your imagination, came into play with radio. If on Lux Radio Theatre